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## FINAL PASSAGE

### **HB 4070 (SPADE)**

House Bill 4070 provides that a publisher of a textbook adopted for use at a college or university shall furnish the institution with an electronic version of the book if it is for a literary subject or if available, to convert to a format compatible with Braille translation software.

- HB 4070 passed with IE [RC 508: 35 yes, 0 no].

## THIRD READING

### **SB 214-15 (Hammerstrom)**

Senate Bills 214 and 215 would establish a felony penalty for the possession or release of a live “prohibited species”, and require restitution for damage to the natural resources from a violation.

Support: Michigan United Conservation Council, Michigan Environmental Council, Trout Unlimited, DNR, Michigan Association of Counties, DEQ.

SB 214:

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC]. This adds the word “live” – it would be illegal to possess a “live” species.
- SB 215 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

SB 215:

- SB 215 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.

### **SB 226-27 (Hammerstrom)**

Senate Bills 226-27 would prohibit knowing release of a genetically engineered fish or a nonnative fish into this state. A person would be required to apply for a permit from the DNR for release. The DNR would be able to charge a fee to cover administration of the program.

Support: Michigan United Conservation Council, Michigan Environmental Council, Trout Unlimited, DNR, Michigan Association of Counties, DEQ.

Oppose: Michigan Agribusiness Association, Michigan Farm Bureau.

SB 226:

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 226 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

SB 227:

- SB 227 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.

**SB 228 (Sanborn)**

**SB 229 (Birkholz)**

Support: Michigan United Conservation Council, Michigan Environmental Council, Trout Unlimited, DNR, Michigan Association of Counties, DEQ.

Senate Bill 228 would prohibit a person from importing into this State a genetically engineered organism (GEO) that was a variant of an animal species, from an area under quarantine, without the permission of the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

- SB 228 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.

Senate Bill 229 would amend the Michigan Aquaculture Development Act to define each genetically engineered organism that is a variant of an aquaculture species as a distinct aquaculture species.

- SB 229 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.

**HB 5050 (Robertson)**

House Bill 5050 would improve the ability of insurers to match annuities to investment opportunities. The bill would allow life and annuity insurance companies to lower their minimum interest rate for individual fixed annuities if the need arises which would help alleviate concerns that the minimum rate may, at some point, be higher than the market interest rate. The bill implements the NAIC model act for establishing the minimum interest rate for individual deferred annuities, helping to keep Michigan in line with other states in the individual deferred annuity market.

Support: Office of Financial and Insurance Services, Life Insurance Association of Michigan, Jackson National Life Insurance, American Council of Life Insurers.

- HB 5050 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.

**HB 5133 (Acciavatti)**

House Bill 5133 removes interest and penalties for a failure to file tax returns from August 15–August 22. Although the bill is designed to address the power outage during that period, there is no requirement to show that the outage caused the failure to file; rather, the bill is simply a waiver of penalties and interest for the week of August 15—August 22, 2003.

- HB 5133 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.